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COAL RACKET: GIVING RISE TO POLITICAL SUSPECTS

According to information obtained by members of the Special Branch Headquarters, the practice of a wholesale pillage of large quantities of coal is being carried on during nightfalls from (1) the M.B.K. Coal Yard and other places in Pootung, (2) vessels calling at the port from Japan as well as (3) inland steamers plying between local ports, through the conspiracy of a well-known stevedore named Lee (李) who in turn disposes of his stolen property to the following receivers:-

1) Wong Pah-sung (王柏生)
2) Auh Teh-piao (區德標)
3) Auh Teh-ngao (區德岳)
4) Bao Kwang-yuen (鮑光遠)
5) Tsih Siao-fu (戚小甫)

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A few of the foregoing receivers are reported to be under the suspicion of supplying the commodity to the guerilla forces operating in Pootung and Eastern Chekiang Province and one of them named Bao Kwang-yuen has recently left Shanghai for Ningpo.

The above receivers are known to visit the Coal Merchants Guild, Tientsin Road, between 1 and 3 p.m. on week-days and are also known to be the followers of a Japanese subject named NOBUO SATO who is reported to be a secret service agent in the employ of the local Japanese Gendamerie but who, however, has no connection with the affair whatsoever.

The deposit places of the stolen commodity are located at Tungkew in Pootung and in Nantao, and the transportation is generally effected through the assistance of two Japanese named TAKEO ONO and FUJIWARA in the Pootung area, while TAIICHI MATSUMOTO is assisting transportation in the Nantao area. The trio are believed to be of the ronin class.

The stolen coal is later transferred to the ownership of the following dealers who manage to have their stock stored at the following addresses in the International Settlement:-

Dealers:

1) Zung Kyung-pao (陳宗寶)
2) Zung Ping-keng (陳炳根)
3) Wong Zeu-foh (王傳福)
4) Auh Ngoh-dien (夏玉田)
5) Siao Ming Po (小孟波)

Storage bases

1) Kwang Mau-chong (廣茂昌) inside Lane 140 Sinza Road.
2) Ming Foh Loong (鳴福隆) and Yoong Chong (鏞昌), West of Wing On Godown (永安棧), along the river (North bank) of Soochow Creek near Chekiang Road Bridge.